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FOLLOWING REPEAT BOMBAY 1569 SENT ACTION NEW DELHI

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QUOTE:

BOMBAY 1569

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TSPA IN

SUBJ: ASTP MISSION

REF: NEW DELHI 8326

1. I HAVE RECEIVED TODAY THE FOLLOWING NUMBERED LETTER OF JUNE 26 FROM THE IAEC CHAIRMAN SETHNA OPERATIVE PORTIONS OF WHICH ARE QUOTED HEREAFTER:

"PLEASE REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 20, 1975 REGARDING THE APOLLO-SOYUZ TEST FLIGHT MISSION SCHEDULED FOR LAUNCH ON 15TH JULY 1975.

"2. AS YOUR GOVERNMENT IS AWARE, ALL NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTS WHICH ARE CARRIED OUT ABOVE GROUND ARE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN OPPOSED TO THE TESTING AND MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ANY ENVIRONMENT BY ANY COUNTRY. YOUR GOVERNMENT IS, NO DOUBT, AWARE THAT INDIA IS A PARTY TO THE 1963 PARTIAL TEST  
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BAN TREATY BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS IN THE

ATMOSPHERE, UNDER WATER AND OUTER SPACE. I MAY ALSO ADD  
THAT AS FAR BACK AS 1954, IT WAS PRIME MINISTER JAWAHARLAL NEHRU,  
WHO DREW THE ATTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO THE

QUESTION OF STOPPING ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS. IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THIS POLICY, INDIA WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO  
SIGN THE PARTIAL TEST BAN TREATY WHEN IT WAS OPENED FOR SIGNATURE.

"3; AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE QUESTION OF THE  
INDIAN GOVERNMENT REFRAINING FROM UNDERTAKING ANY TEST IN THE  
ATMOSPHERE CANNOT AND DOES NOT ARISE.

"4. MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WISHING SUCCESS TO THIS  
JOINT MISSION WHICH IS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE."

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